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COMMISSIONER SANDRA D. KENNEDY'S SOLAR RESERVE EXPLANATION OF
VOTE. **SOLARRESERVE LLC – L-00000RR-10-428-00155 and L-00000RR-10-429-00156**

MR. CHAIRMAN,

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN MY VOTE:

I AM EXCITED ABOUT THIS PROJECT. I BELIEVE THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY WILL
BE VERY BENEFICIAL AS WE CONTINUE TO MAKE ARIZONA THE SOLAR CAPITAL.

I LIKE THE FACT THAT THE DEVELOPERS OF THIS PROJECT WILL SEEK TO SELL
THEIR SOLAR POWER WITHIN ARIZONA. WHICH I BELIEVE IS A TESTAMENT TO
OUR RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD.

I HOPE THAT ARIZONA UTILITIES TAKE A SERIOUS LOOK AND CONSIDER THIS
PROJECT ONCE IT IS COMPLETED,

I KNOW PEOPLE LIKE TO SAY THAT OUR JOB HERE AT THE COMMISSION IS NOT
THAT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR FINDING WAYS TO REDUCE OUR HIGH
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.

NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE TRANSCRIPTS AND PUBLIC
COMMENTS THAT THE FOLKS IN GILA BEND CLEARLY BELIEVE THERE IS GOING
TO BE A HUGE ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO THEIR REGION.

I AM COUNTING ON THE DEVELOPER TO CONTINUE TO SEE THE BENEFIT OF
HIRING LOCALLY.

I ENCOURAGE THE LINE SITING COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO ASK FUTURE
DEVELOPERS ABOUT THEIR PLANS TO UTILIZE THE LOCAL LABOR MARKET AND
PURCHASING OF ARIZONA GOODS AND MATERIALS.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE BUILDING TRADES, THE ARIZONA BUILDERS
ASSOCIATION AND THE ASSOCIATION OF GENERAL CONTRACTORS WORK
TOGETHER OR AT LEAST ENTER INTO A DIALOGUE, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT
ONCE YOU ALL GET PAST POLITICS, YOU WILL PROBABLY FIND YOU HAVE SO
MUCH MORE IN COMMON, WHICH CAN ONLY SERVE AS A BENEFIT TO OUR
STATE. WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

I VOTE AYE.